

*Drawing is Unveiled in Halls of U.S. Capitol*

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Amidst the grandeur and historic feel of the United States Capitol, Noble Street College Prep senior Ramiro Trejo searched for something to remind him of home. In a busy tunnel connecting Congressional House Office Buildings to the Capitol, he found it-- his artwork on the wall, for politicians and visitors alike to admire on their way to the Capitol.

Trejo's drawing joined artwork from across the country this week, where it will represent the Fourth Congressional district for a year as the district's winner in the annual [Congressional Art Competition](#).

A few months ago, Trejo's art teacher, Ms. Soto, approached him and a few classmates, suggesting they submit artwork for the annual Congressional Art Competition, hosted by Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez. Trejo submitted his drawing, titled New World in Hand, which won first place.

New World in Hand is representative of "the power of our species," says Trejo. Cities adorn the tips of the fingers and thumb of a large, detailed hand. Each digit is interconnected by railroads that wind down their lengths. Bridges connect the thumb to its four counterparts. A river flows from an unseen source, running down the grooves of Trejo's hand, passing a final city before

escaping to the wrist and disappearing from the page. The hand dominates the page, much as humans dominate our planet. As "every planet needs a moon," the hand features a moon and stars orbiting around it. What started as a "project to involve a hand in the middle of the action," says Trejo, turned into a larger message of human civilization.

To honor his winning artwork, Trejo and his parents were flown to Washington, D.C. for three days, where they attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony inaugurating the opening of the exhibition and a workshop with a professional artist. Winners are also eligible for a scholarship from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

In addition, to drawing cartoons and logos, Ramiro enjoys running track and reading. He hopes to attend Loyola University, Chicago and one day become a politician.

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